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Applicant : Michael Young et al. Art Unit :
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Title : ERYTHROPOIETIN ANALOG-HUMAN SERUM ALBUMIN FUSION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 6:

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial Number 09/333,213, filed June 15, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Serial Number 06/089,343, filed June 15, 1998, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 27 - 45, 48-50, and 53-55.

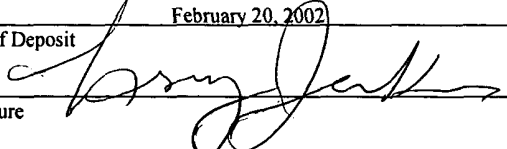
Amend claim 52 as follows:

-- 52. (Amended) The erythropoietin analog of claim 51 wherein the EPOa is Gln24, Gln38, Gln83, Ala126 EPO. --

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